



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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Act of Spiritual Communion

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness, bad weather, or another reason outside of our control. Many also make an Act of Spiritual Communion when they can and do attend Mass but something prevents them from receiving sacramental Communion that day, such as a mortal sin that they have not had the opportunity to confess yet.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CATECHESIS | PASSIONTIDE: Veiling of Cross & Statues

It has been the custom of the Roman Church, the 17th Century forward, to veil the crosses and the images of the saints from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Easter. This has been, and ought to continue to be, one of the defining characteristics of the season of Passiontide – a season which, if after the post-conciliar liturgical reforms lost in name, need not be lost in spirit.

Still in many churches throughout the West, crosses and statues are veiled now and will remain veiled for two full weeks. The Catholic Encyclopaedia describes this custom as follows: "Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday the crosses, statues, and pictures of our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues and pictures retain their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the Gloria in Excelsis of Holy Saturday."

"The presentiment of that awful hour [of our Saviour's passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Saviour subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday [John 8:46-59, *They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple* (John 8:59)].

MINISTRY ROSTER

2 April | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	G. Tighe	T. Tighe	D. Sullivan	R. Gorman & G. Crocker
Sunday 9.00am	R. Reyes	Y. Benning	F. Moloney	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	J. Manalastas	R. Fisher	J. McKenzie	P. Frost & C. Frost

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

Fr John Willis	Barry Winning	Sayde Baladia
Peter Richards	Narelle Albans	Chris O'Sullivan
Peachy Family	Julien Ryan	Ginavis Naw Pha Day
Nini Torres	Patricia Jones	Peggy Mallise

our deceased

+ Karen Tunningley	+ Editha Leandres	+ Gary McSweeney
+ Joseph Dinh	+ Thomas Gorman, <i>anniversary 26/03</i>	
+ Maxwell Grogan	+ Sr Clare Keating	+ Judy McLoughlin

Roman Martyrology

27/03 St Gregory of Narek	28/03 St Xystus III
29/03 Eustace of Luxeuil	30/03 John Climacus
31/03 St Benjamin	01/04 St Hugh

Omnes sancti márytes, oráte pro nobis.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

On Church Giving

Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Our ability to earn money is a gift from God. Returning a percentage of our treasure back to God is one way that we live our faith. Just like our family households, our parish community needs financial resources in order to operate, serve, and minister. God provides for these needs through you - you ARE the parish.

To support the priests (active, sick and retired-1st collection):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Presbytery Savings Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592
Reference: First + last name

To support the Church (Planned Giving Program - PGP):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Suspense Acct
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950
Reference: Envelope Number + last name

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection - \$ 864.95 Planned Giving - \$823.00
Loose - \$ 138.25

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Administrator

Following the translation of Bishop Michael Kennedy to the Diocese of Maitland -Newcastle, the Episcopal See of Armidale is now vacant until a new Bishop is appointed by the Holy Father. Governance of the diocese during this transitional period will fall to a Diocesan Administrator. In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, the College of Consultors met on 20th March and elected The Rev. Monsignor Ted Wilkes as the Diocesan Administrator. Monsignor Ted is the Parish Priest of Uralla and Parish Administrator of Walcha and was Vicar General during Bishop Kennedy's episcopacy. All the faithful are asked to pray for Monsignor Wilkes as he begins his new role and for the whole Diocese as we await for a new bishop.

RIP Sr Clare Keating RSJ

Sr Clare Keating died at the age of 85 on 7th March. Sister Clare was living in Ireland and died as the result of a car crash. Sister Clare was Principal of St Francis Xavier's school Narrabri for a number years in the late 1970s through to early 1980s.

Lenten Reconciliation

St Pats West Tamworth	Wednesday 29 March	05.30pm
St Nicks East Tamworth	Wednesday 05 April	06.00pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 06/04	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 07/04	9.00am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 08/04	6.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday 09/04	9.00am	Holy Mass (+ easter egg hunt for children)
	5.30pm	Holy Mass

Easter Dues/Offering

Easter dues are for the support of the clergy, presbytery upkeep, sick and retired priests. Envelopes for Easter dues are in the PGP packs. Extra envelopes are available in the foyer. Dues may also be deposited direct to the Presbytery A/C.

Account Name: St Edward Presbytery Account

BSB: 082105 A/C: 001023592 Reference: Easter + last name

Easter Duties Volunteers

Readers, commentators, extraordinary ministers of holy communion and people for Washing of the Feet are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. It would be most appreciated if you could please volunteer by writing your name on the sheet in the foyer.

Planned Giving Envelopes

It's time to place our envelope order for the next Financial Year. If you would like to contribute to the needs of the parish by joining our Planned Giving Program please complete the form in the foyer and place in the box provided.

Nazareth Care (updated phone number)

Could you possibly consider becoming a volunteer and make a difference in the lives of the elderly at Nazareth Care? Please ring Sr Ana on 6761 0356, she would very much welcome a chat with you.

Sick List

If you would like to add someone to our sick list please use the "sick list prayer request form" placed in the blue folder at the foyer.

Visitation

If there is a parishioner whom you know would appreciate a visit from a priest or the SVDP, please contact the Parish Office.

Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Communities Policy is now available online on our Parish website under NEWS category. It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.

Prayer for a New Bishop

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Father of us all, gather and form us into a caring and welcoming parish family. May your Holy Spirit touch our hearts for us to reach out with compassion to those in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

27 March - 2 April

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.30am
Wednesday	09.30am
Thursday	09.30am
Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	09.00am
	05.30pm

Confessions

Saturday	04.45pm to 05.15pm
Sunday	08.15am to 08.45am
	04.45pm to 05.15pm

Baptism

by appointment

Online baptism request form:
<https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

Wedding

by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Funeral

by appointment



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